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1. [REDACTED] the Panzer Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), was occupied by about 3,000 troops after 1 March 1952. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia, who arrived in groups aboard trucks, were allegedly new soldiers. It was said that also artillery pieces had arrived and that these were garaged in the Infanterie Kaserne. Between 11 and 15 March, 50 tanks were stationed at the Panzer Kaserne, about 80 percent of them were T-34s and T-34/85s and the rest JS-2s. [REDACTED] the garages were occu- 25X1
 pied to capacity by tanks on 11 March. From 25 to 30 trucks stood in the open between the garages. At about 2 p. m. on 13 March, [REDACTED] a column of 18 T-34 tanks and 2 x 100 SP guns moving out of the installation toward 25X1 Naumburg. [REDACTED]

At about 4 p. m. on 14 March, only a few soldiers were noticed at the Panzer Kaserne, as part of the unit had apparently vacated the installation. Ten to 15 trucks were parked in the yard. At about 9:30 p. m., only a few windows of the two buildings behind the guardhouse were lighted. On 11 March, 18 trucks driven and occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the installation.

2. On 13 March, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse quartered an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. About 50 jeeps and trucks were parked in two long wooden sheds. At about 4:35 p. m., 11 trucks carrying about 30 soldiers each and towing eight AT guns were seen moving out of the installation toward Naumburg. The soldiers wore black-bordered red epaulets. The convoy was headed by a sedan. [REDACTED]

Eight trucks, each carrying about 30 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets and towing six artillery pieces were seen entering the installation from the direction of Naumburg at about 5 p. m. [REDACTED] 25X1
 Artillery pieces seen in front of the garages on 14 March included 6 x 45-mm AT guns, 3 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 guns, 4 x 160-mm (?) mortars and 6 other artillery pieces. **

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3. At 4 p. m. on 12 March, a train carrying trucks, [redacted] and three guns of about 100-mm pulled out of the Weissenfels railroad station. [redacted] *** At about 3:30 a. m. on 13 March, 10 T-34 tanks were seen driving from the Volkspolizei Kaserne to Selauerstrasse and back.

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[redacted] Comment. The Panzer Kaserne quarters the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt and the unidentified motorcycle battalion of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Therefore, [redacted] the strength of troops there is between 1,100 to 1,300 men is given more credence [redacted]

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[redacted] It is possible that other troop units conducting field exercises near Weissenfels may have temporarily been stationed in the Panzer Kaserne. [redacted]

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[redacted] On 13 March, a shipment of tanks was possibly dispatched to Ohrdruf as has done between 11 and 17 February 1952.

[redacted] Comment. The Infanterie Kaserne, too, seemed to have been occupied more heavily than was previously observed. The 17th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is quartered there. The two convoys with AT guns belong to the 128th Gds Gun Arty Regt which is stationed in Gotha.

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[redacted] a shipment was dispatched from Gotha to Weissenfels about 12 March, and on 13 March from Weissenfels to Gotha. [redacted] This accounts for the convoys mentioned in the present report. The weapons noticed on 14 March belong to the motorized rifle regiment; however, previous information indicates that these regiments are equipped with mortars of only 82-mm caliber.

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[redacted] Comment. The train carried a unit of the 38th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Merseburg. Compare with previous information on the loading of elements of this brigade in Merseburg the same day. [redacted]

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